

## "World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"



**WHV – Yecapixtla, MEXICO**  
**17– 31 July 2011**

### **Earliest 16th Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl, Mexico**

**Cultural site inscribed in 1994**

These 14 monasteries stand on the slopes of Popocatepetl, to the south-east of Mexico City. One of them is the ex-convent of Yecapixtla built in the 16th century. They are in an excellent state of conservation and are good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries – Franciscans, Dominicans and Augustinians – who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity in the early 16th century. They also represent an example of a new architectural concept with open spaces of renewed importance.



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**Project objectives:** The main aim of the WHV-Yecapixtla project is the preservation of this site representing the symbiosis between Mesoamerican-indigenous and Spanish-European cultures.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will take part in a wide variety of activities: cleaning (gardens), maintenance (ceiling, floor, walls and annex of the convent), environmental workshops, exhibitions and conferences. They will not only focus on tangible but also on intangible heritage, and will target the community including authorities as well as tourists. Some of the activities will be the follow up of last year's project.

**Partners:** The main partners in terms of material and organisational support will be the Centro Cultural Talentos y Vida A.C., the INAH Morelos, the Mexican Institute of Youth, Morelos Institute of Culture, the Casimires BURLMEX, S.A. DE C.V and the Municipality of Yecapixtla.

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